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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


SAM RIMELL
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Notification Regarding Missing Claim and Claim Re-Numbering: The originally submitted set of claims do not include a claim numbered as claim 29. Accordingly, claims 30-37 are re-numbered as 29-36 respectively. Applicant will be required to continue to utilize this numbering change for the remainder of prosecution in this case. Claims 1-36 are thus pending.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

I: Claims 1-23, addressed to a browser system and method of accessing web site, classified in class 707, subclass 3.

II: Claims 24-26, addressed to a method of sponsoring a web site with questions and answers, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

III: Claims 27-30, addressed to a method of sponsoring a website that compares ad codes and downloads advertisements, classified in class 705, subclass 14.

IV: Claims 31-36, addressed to a method of capturing a domain name, classified in class 715, subclass 500.1.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sam Rimell at telephone number (571) 272-4084.



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Primary Examiner
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What Is Claimed Is:

- 1 1. A browser system for controlling access to a
2 website comprising:
3 a network;
4 a user computer coupled to the network, said user
5 computer having a local database with local database
6 entries therein and a display;
7 a central database having central database
8 entries coupled to the network;
9 a browser displayed on said display within said
10 user computer having a domain name entry area for entering
11 a domain name corresponding to the website; and
12 said user computer comprising a controller
13 comparing the domain name to a plurality of local database
14 entries within a local database, and when the domain name
15 is not in the local database, said controller comparing the
16 domain name to a plurality of central database entries in a
17 central database, when the domain name is in the local
18 database or central database, said controller enabling
19 access to the website.
- 1 2. A browser system as recited in claim 1
2 further comprising an approval screening system coupled to
3 said central database.
- 1 3. A browser system as recited in claim 1
2 wherein said network comprises the Internet.

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1 4. A browser system as recited in claim 1
2 wherein said user computer further comprises a memory for
3 storing a user security status, said local database and
4 said central database storing a respective local database
5 security status and a central database security status,
6 said controller comparing said local database security
7 status and said central database security status with said
8 user security status, said controller enabling access to
9 the website when said user security status corresponds to
10 said local database security status or said central
11 database security status.

1 5. A browser system as recited in claim 1
2 wherein said browser comprises a plurality of hot buttons,
3 wherein at least one of said hot buttons comprises a
4 subject button.

1 6. A method of accessing a web page comprising:
2 entering a domain name corresponding to a
3 website;
4 comparing the domain name to a plurality of local
5 database entries within a local database;
6 when the domain name is not in the local
7 database, comparing the domain name to a plurality of
8 central database entries in a central database; and
9 when the domain name is in the local database or
10 central database, enabling access to the website.

1 7. A method as recited in claim 6 further
2 comprising when the domain name is in a central database,
3 storing the domain name in the local database.

1 8. A method as recited in claim 6 further
2 comprising parsing the domain name prior to comparing the
3 domain name to a plurality of local database entries.

1 9. A method as recited in claim 8 wherein the
2 step of parsing comprises:

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3         entering a full domain name having a plurality of
4 character positions;
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5      capturing the full domain name;
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6      capturing a first domain name by capturing
7  characters right of a ":" symbol and left of a "/" symbol
8  to obtain a first name.
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1 10. A method as recited in claim 6 wherein prior
2 to comparing the domain name to a central database,
3 determining if a network connection exists.

1 11. A method as recited in claim 6 wherein
2 enabling comprises receiving the web page.

1 12. A method as recited in claim 6 wherein prior
2 to the step of comparing, determining a user security
3 level, wherein steps of comparing are performed as a
4 function of user security level.

1 13. A method as recited in claim 6 further
2 comprising when the domain name is not in the local
3 database or central database, disabling access to the
4 website.

1 21. A method as recited in claim 6 wherein the
2 step of entering comprises opening a hidden browser and
3 obtaining the domain name from the hidden browser.

1 22. A method as recited in claim 6 further
2 comprising determining a website size and comparing the
3 website size to a size database entry to determine a change
4 amount, when said reviewing and website change amount is
5 greater than a predetermined amount.

1 23. A method as recited in claim 22 after the
2 step of reviewing, changing a local database entry or a
3 central database entry.

1 24. A method of sponsoring a website comprises:
2 generating a screen display having a plurality of
3 subject buttons;
4 selecting and actuating a first subject button
5 from said plurality of subject buttons;
6 displaying a question and a plurality of answers
7 in response to the step of selecting;
8 displaying a first sponsor code on said display;
9 selecting a first answer from the plurality of
10 answers;
11 display a narrative display in response to the
12 step of selecting a first answer

1 25. A method as recited in claim 24 further
2 comprising the steps of displaying a second sponsor code in
3 response to the step of displaying a narrative display.

1 26. A method as recited in claim 24 further
2 comprising the step of incrementing a point total in
3 response to the step of selecting a first answer.

1 27. A method of sponsoring a website comprising:
2 providing a local computer ad code having a first
3 plurality of bits and a central computer ad code and a
4 second plurality of bits;
5 comparing the local computer ad code with the
6 central computer ad code;
7 when the local computer ad code is not equal to
8 the central computer ad code, downloading an ad to the
9 local computer from the central computer.

1 28. A method as recited in claim 27 wherein the
2 step of comparing comprises the step of comparing the first
3 plurality of bits and the second plurality of bits.

1 29 ~~30~~. A method as recited in claim 27 wherein said
2 step of downloading comprises the step of downloading an ad
3 to the local computer in response to the step of comparing
4 the first plurality of bits.

1 30 ~~31~~. A method as recited in claim 27 wherein the
2 step of comparing the first plurality of bits comprises
3 comparing each bit of said first plurality of bits to each
4 bit of said second plurality of bits to obtain a respective
5 plurality of comparisons in response thereto, and
6 downloading an ad where comparison is not equal.

1 ~~32~~ ³¹ A method of selecting a website domain name
2 comprising:
3 entering a full domain name having a plurality of
4 character positions;
5 capturing the full domain name;
6 capturing a first domain name by capturing
7 characters right of a first symbol and left of a second
8 symbol to obtain a first name.

1 ~~33~~ ³² A method as recited in claim 31 wherein the
2 step of capturing comprises the step of opening a hidden
3 browser to obtain the full domain name.

1 ~~34~~ ³³ A method as recited in claim 31 wherein the
2 step of capturing comprises the step of opening a hidden
3 browser to obtain the full domain name.

1 ~~35~~ ³⁴ A method as recited in claim 31 wherein said
2 first symbol is a ":" symbol.

1 ~~36~~ ³⁵ A method as recited in claim 31 wherein said
2 second symbol is a "/" symbol.

1 ~~37~~ ³⁶ A method of selecting a website domain name
2 comprising:
3 entering a full domain name having a plurality of
4 character positions;
5 capturing the full domain name;
6 capturing a first domain name by capturing
7 characters right of a ":" symbol and left of a "/" symbol
8 to obtain a first name.